

A P P E N D I X A

R.I. REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SPECIAL EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

TIMELINES FOR REFERRAL, EVALUATION, ELIGIBILITY, IEP AND RE-EVALUATION DECEMBER 14, 2000

Referral

10 school days	Local Education Agency (LEA) conducts a meeting to review a referral for special education evaluation within 10 school days of receipt. Referral is reviewed by a team of qualified professionals <u>and</u> the parent. (RI Reg. 300.531)
10 school days	If an evaluation is needed, it must start no later than 10 school days after the receipt of parental consent to evaluate. (RI Reg. 300.531)
10 school days	If it is determined that an initial evaluation is not needed, the parent must be notified within 10 school days. (RI Reg. 531(d))

Evaluation/Eligibility

45 school days	Within 45 school days of parental consent to evaluate:
	(i) Child is evaluated
	(ii) Eligibility determination meeting is conducted
	(iii) A written report of the evaluation team is made available to the LEA and the parent(s), and, if the child is determined eligible for special education services, the report is made available to the IEP Team. (RI Reg. 300.316)
60 school days	

IEP

15 school days	If eligible, an IEP meeting is conducted and an IEP is developed for the child. (RI Reg. 300.343)
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Re-evaluation

every 3 years (or sooner)	A re-evaluation must be conducted at least every 3 years or sooner if conditions warrant or if a parent or teacher requests a re-evaluation. (RI Reg. 300.536)
15 school days	If, as a result of a re-evaluation, the child continues to be eligible for special education services, an IEP meeting must be conducted within 15 school days of the determination of continued eligibility and an IEP developed for the child. (RI Reg. 300.536)